

Application No. 10/684,671
Amendment dated January 11, 2006
Reply to Office Action of October 12, 2005

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-13 (cancelled).

Claim 14 (currently amended). A nonwoven fabric for buffing applications comprising:
an imaged, apertured fibrous matrix comprising polyester staple length fibers, and a polymeric binder, which comprises a melamine polymeric compound in the range of 0.2% to 0.5% weight to volume, and an acrylic/copolymer composition in the range of 10% to 25% weight to volume.

said nonwoven fabric having a basis weight of at least 3.5 ounces/yard², a combined tensile strength of at least about 900 grams/ounce of fabric, and a Taber Abrasion of at least about 1000 cycles,

said nonwoven fabric having three-dimensional image imparted thereto to facilitate retention of an associated buffing compound.

Claims 15-16 (cancelled).

Claim 17 (original). A nonwoven fabric in accordance with claim 14, wherein:
said fabric has an image imparted thereto by a three-dimensional image transfer device having an array of three-dimensional surface elements having an octagon-and-square configuration.

Claim 18 (original). A nonwoven fabric in accordance with claim 14, wherein:
said fabric has an image imparted thereto by a three-dimensional image transfer device having an array of three-dimensional surface elements having a herringbone configuration.

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Claim 19 (cancelled).

Claim 20 (cancelled).